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REF: A) SECSTATE 48487 B) 08 BUCHAREST 964

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Jeri Guthrie-Corn for reasons 1. 4 (b) and (d).

(C) In response to ref A, there has been no significant change in Romania's position with regard to trade or diplomatic relations with Cuba since post last reported on the issue. The ongoing trade dispute (ref B) remains unresolved, foreclosing normalized relations and more direct ties between the two countries. Total yearly bilateral trade is worth less than 1 million USD, almost all of which is handled by companies located in third countries.

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